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Subject: Treatment of Military Housing Allowance for Families in "Privatized Housing" for Purposes of Determining Eligibility in the Child Nutrition Programs for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2004

To: STATE DIRECTORS - Colorado ED, Colorado DPH, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,  
(Child Nutrition Programs) Missouri DHSS, Montana OPI, Montana DPHHS,  
Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

Section 9 (b)(7) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1758 (b)(7), currently excludes privatized military housing allowances from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility of a child to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Special Milk Program. In our May 28, 2002, implementing memorandum (SP-02-21, CACFP-674, SFSP-458) we extended this exclusion to the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program.

The exclusion for these military families expires on September 30, 2003. As of October 1, 2003, those military families receiving privatized military housing allowances will no longer have those allowances excluded. At this time, there are bills pending before Congress, which would extend or renew the exclusion. However, we cannot predict what final legislative action may be taken.

If Congressional action is taken to extend the privatized housing exclusion, we will inform you immediately.

Please contact our office if you have questions.

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